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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM LATIN AMERICAN ANTI-COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION
RE US POSITION ON RELATIONS WITH PRC

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN
ANTI-COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION, PARAGUAYAN CHAPTER, IN WHICH THEY
EXPRESS SURPRISE AND PROTEST STATEMENTS MADE ON 29 JULY BY
SECRETARY VANCE BEFORE THE ASIAN FOUNDATION IN NEW YORK CITY.
SPECIFICALLY, THEY ARGUE AGAINST AND QUESTION HOW "FRIENDLY
RELATIONS" WITH
COMMUNIST CHINA COULD FORM A CENTRAL PART OF US FOREIGN POLICY
IN THE BELIEF THAT THE LATTER COULD PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE
MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE. THE LAC'S ARGUMENT IS BASED ON
THEIR BELIEF THAT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES HAVE NEVER CEASED IN THEIR
EFFORTS TO SUBVERT COUNTRIES IN THE FREE WORLD.

2. THE LAC EXPRESSES "FURTHER SURPRISE" OVER WHAT IT SEES AS
AN APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS AND
THOSE MADE BY THEN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JIMMY CARTER ON
23 JUNE 1976 BEFORE THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION IN NEW YORK.
ON THIS EARLIER OCCASION, PRESIDENT CARTER IS QUOTED
AS HAVING SAID, "WE HAVE TO ADMIT THAT DURING THE PAST
FEW YEARS OUR WEST EUROPEAN ALLIES HAVE BEEN PROFOUNDLY
WORRIED, AND JUSTIFIABLY SO, BECAUSE OF OUR UNILATERAL
DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. TO THE GREATEST EXTENT
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POSSIBLE, OUR DEALINGS WITH COMMUNIST POWERS SHOULD REFLECT
THE JOINT OPINIONS OF THE DEMOCRACIES SO AS TO AVOID ANY
SUSPICION ON THE PART OF OUR ALLIES THAT WE ARE NOT LOOKING
OUT FOR THEIR INTERESTS..."

3. THE LAC CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT THEY CONSIDER THE
EARLIER STATEMENT AN "EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT AND HOPE" BUT

THAT IT IS "WORRIED, SURPRISED AND UNEASY" BECAUSE OF THE
MORE RECENT POSITION TAKEN BY SECRETARY VANCE.

4. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO REPLY TO LETTER.
UNFORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT LOCATE COPIES OF THE TWO SPEECHES
MENTIONED IN THE LETTER. IF THEY WERE SENT TO POST, WOULD
APPRECIATE CITATION OF WHERE THEY MIGHT BE FOUND, IF NOT,
PLEASE AIR POUCH COPIES.

5. WOULD ALSO WELCOME GUIDANCE ON HOW BEST TO ANSWER LETTER.
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